(b) the names of the persons on whom this award has been conferred so far;

(c) the names of the persons on whom the award has been conferred posthumously; and

(d) the criteria adopted in selecting persons for this award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Shitya Akademi Annual award was instituted since the Akademi's inception in 1954 and the first awards were given in 1955.

(b) to (d) Statements are attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 78.]

Integrated plan to control the vector-borne diseases

2218. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a comprehensive integrated plan to control the vector-borne diseases; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in its meeting held in February, 1988 has recommended on integrated programme for control of Malaria and other vector-borne diseases like Filaria, Japanese Encaphalitis and Kalazar in endomi areas as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the cost being shared by the Central and State Governments in equal portion as under:—

(i) To undertake insecticide spraying in D.D.T./B.HC:/Malathion in areas which have an annual parasite index 2 and above depending on Vector resistance.

(ii) To undertake insecticide spraying operations in all districts which have recorded more than 100 cases of Japanese Encaphalities in any one year during the last 10 years.

(iii) To undertake insecticide spray operations in all endemic areas for Kala-azar. The endemic areas will include all Primary Health Centres which have recorded more than 10 cases per year.

Inter-zonal cultural festivals

2219. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold inter-zonal cultural festivals in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) In the Review Committee meeting of the Zonal Cultural Centres held on 21st December 1987 it was decided to hold seven inter-zonal cultural festivals during the year 1988. The details of these inter-zonal cultural festivals are given as under:

Name of the Centre	Function	Venue/Schedule
1. North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Allahabad.	Magh Mela	Allahabad 10-30-1-1988
2. North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur.	25th Anniversary of the founding of Nagaland.	Nagaland 1-12-1988.